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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Shinichi NAKAYAMA, et al.

Application No.: 10/758,617

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For: METHOD OF CONTROLLING  
STORAGE DEVICE CONTROLLING  
APPARATUS, AND STORAGE  
DEVICE CONTROLLING APPARATUS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 6350

Examiner: Unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2112

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.